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Hinchey Releases Statement on Terrorist Attacks

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Maurice D. Hinchey (NY-26) released the following statement in response to the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. today.

"The attacks that took place today on American soil were the vicious and senseless acts of madmen. My greatest concern now is for the thousands of victims. My thoughts and prayers, like those of all Americans today, are with those innocent victims and their families.

"I have been contacted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and have been briefed on that agency's current activities both in New York and the District of Columbia. All available FEMA personnel are on around-the-clock duty and are doing everything they can to respond to this extreme emergency.

"It is now more clear than ever that the United States must improve security and do so in cooperation with countries around the world. Any view that we can stand in isolation from the rest of the world and protect ourselves has been thoroughly refuted today.

"The people responsible for this astounding act of terrorism must be found and brought to justice. Although it may take time, I believe that justice will be done."